GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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GEMS TESTING CENTRES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of the Gems Testing Centres in the country, State-wise and Union Territory-wise; (

(b) whether the Government propose to set up some more centres in the country particularly in Delhi; and (

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) As per the available information provided by the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council, Mumbai, a representative autonomous body of the trade sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the details of the Gems Testing Centres in the country, are as follows:

NAME OF THE STATE/U.T.	NAME OF GEM TESTING CENTRE
Maharashtra	1. Gemmological Institute of India 29, Gurukul Chambers 187/189 Mumbadevi Road Mumbai-400002
	2. St. Xaviers College Gemmological Division Geology Department Mahanagar Palika Marg Mumbai-400001
	3. International Gemmological Institute Mittal Court Nariman Point Mumbai-400021
	4. Pan Gem Testing Laboratory
	4. Pan Gem Enterprises 10 Sangeeta, Behind Panchratan Tadiwala Road Pune-411011
Rajasthan	5. Gem Testing Laboratory Rajasthan Chamber Bhawan Mirza Ismail Road Jaipur-302003
West Bengal	6. Gem Testing Laboratory CPL, GSI 27 J.N. Road Kolkata-700116
Tamil Nadu	7. Gem Testing Laboratory 66, Cathedral Road, Chennai-600086
	8. Shri Ramkrishna Gem Testing Laboratory 70 Perannagar Main Road Salem-636007
	9. Trichy Gem Testing Laboratory Epoor Complex 86, Diamond Bazaar Trichy-620002
Andhra Pradesh	10. Gem Testing Laboratory 4-3-346 Raja Bhagwandas Marg Bank Street Hyderabad-500195
Kerala	11. Gem Testing Laboratory Kerala Mineral E & D Project (Government of Kerala) Kesavdaspuram, Pottom Palace P.O.Trivandrum-695004

Delhi	12.	Indian Gemmological Institute `F` Block, Jhandewala Flatted Factories Complex, Rani Jhansi Road, New Delhi 110 055.
Gujarat	13.	Indian Diamond Institute Katargam GIDC Samul Dairy Road Surat 395 008

(b) & (c): Government do not have any proposal at present to set up any such Gem Testing Centres in the country. There already exists a gem testing centre in the name of Indian Gemmological Institute at Jhandewalan Complex in Delhi.. Setting up of any Gem Testing Laboratory or Centre, however, does not require any specific approval from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.